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IN MARSHALLIZED FRANCE
For the kids of wage-frozen workers, this is "recovery" (see p. 3).

The best defense of America

If we miss this chance we don't deserve another

"THE BEST DEFENSE OF AMERICA IS PEACE WITH CHINA."

The more you think over this straightforward statement of things (by Congressman Vito Marcantonio, speaking for the Progressive Party in the closing days of the 81st Congress) the more sense-making it becomes.

Peace with China is most certainly the best defense of thousands of American men now cornered in Korea, 6,000 miles from where they want to be or ought to be.

Furthermore, if the defense of our country depends to any degree on making friends with other nations, we shall have to face up before long to this fact: that 90% of the people of the world believe the Chinese are entitled to security in their homeland and that the United States has no business menacing their borders, even under the guise of a United Nations "police action."

As a matter of developing fact, the UN itself will be a dead duck in the eyes of the world unless it takes some quick and positive steps to call off its "police action" in Korea and admit China to membership. No people anywhere can be hoodwinked for long into regarding the UN as a representative world body without the world's biggest nation as a member—any more than they can be induced to accept as a formula for peace the UN's course in Korea, which has brought desolation to an entire country and death and injury to a half million human beings.

SO, peace between the United States and China becomes the paramount issue in the world today—for the preservation of American lives in Korea, for the integrity of the United Nations, and as the only possible basis for agreement between the socialist and non-socialist halves of the world.

If war instead of agreement is to be our argument, this week's U. S. News and World Report warns that the Eastern world (Russia, China, et al) can put 500 divisions in the field within a year (not counting where the people of Africa and India might stand in such a world conflict). And don't forget that such a war would have atom bombs on both sides.

The American people—and especially the American progressives—really have the choice in their hands. It was United States policy which precipitated the Korean war and involved the UN in it; it is United States policy which prevents the admission of China to the UN; it is United States policy which is now inviting war with China, whether or not the UN agrees.

ONLY the American people can change that policy. American progressives, who have never quit the fight for peace, must double their efforts now, and double them again and again until peace is won. We are on the people's side in this campaign, and, for a change, a growing, awakening segment of the people is on our side.

Never, since the start of the Cold War, has there been a better chance to punch our way through to peace.

If we miss this chance, we don't deserve another. —THE EDITORS

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil. . . . Therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.
—Deuteronomy 30: 15, 19.

WAR & PEACE

Goodwill or atom bombs? Two opposing worlds offer choice for '51

IN the capitals of the two hostile worlds that came out of the war to make one peaceful world, New Year messages struck the worlds-apart note now regarded as normal. U.S. politicians and press insisted that Russia—the only World War II Big Five government conducting no warfare since 1945—is now such a menace that only the A-bomb stands between Americans and perdition. Columnist David Lawrence, quoting appreciatively Winston Churchill's comment that it is "silly" to argue the West should not use the A-bomb first, put it this way:

> The biggest single factor in maintaining the peace of the world today is the atom bomb—the method and time of its use.

Meanwhile, as Soviet citizens prepared to greet "Grandfather Frost," this was the typical press comment (in **Trud**, Moscow):

> Peoples are becoming convinced that wars with their terrifying consequences are not at all inevitable and that they can be forestalled by joint efforts of men of goodwill.

MORE BUTTER, LESS BUTTER: The news in Moscow on the first day of 1951 backed up the forecast of continued peace. Citizens read that in the New Year they will get 50% more meat, butter, milk and foodstuffs than a year ago. Their fourth Five-Year Plan has been completed, with war damage repaired, the volume of production now 70% above pre-war, the national income 60% higher. 1951 will see completion of the long-planned Don-Volga Canal to irrigate a potentially fertile land area the size of Belgium—only one of many gigantic projects under way to remake nature.

Gov. Dewey keynoted America's New Year in an inaugural address warning of "toil and more toil" and "sacrifice and more sacrifice," while urging that Russia be ringed with A-bomb bases and Germany and Japan be mobilized.

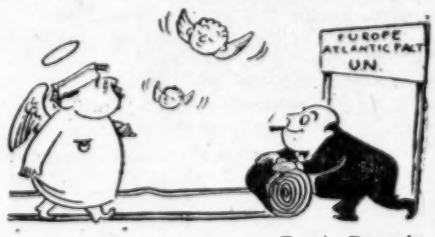
International Oil Worker

The President spent a busy week-end on his yacht, drafting the State of the Union Message (to be delivered to Congress Jan. 8) in which the sacrifices will presumably be set forth to those who must make them.

MOSCOW ANSWERS: The State Dept. announced it had received a reply from Moscow to the recent Western notes concerning Russian proposals for a conference. The notes had rejected the proposed conference on Germany but tentatively suggested talks on all East-West conflicts. The State Dept. said it was "disappointed" with the reply (which apparently agreed to talks) but did not disclose its nature.

LILY OF MADRID: Pleasing to Washington was its final rehabilitation of the "Butcher of Madrid" through an exchange of ambassadors with Franco Spain. (The last U.S. ambassador was recalled in December, 1945). Stanton Griffis, former ambassador to Argentina and admirer of dictator Peron, will represent the U.S. in Madrid.

An investment banker, board chairman of Paramount Pictures and Brentano's bookstores, Griffis was earlier ambassador in Poland and Egypt. Franco's ambassador here will be Felix de Lequerica, an avowed fascist who helped negotiate France's capitulation to Hitler in 1940, and as ambassador to Vichy gave a reception in honor of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He has been in Washington as Franco's ambassador-at-large. Spain, said the N. Y. **Herald Tribune**, is expected to "become a valuable ally."



Front, Brussels

GERMAN HONOR: Another "valuable ally" was hailed in Western Germany, where President Theodor Heuss called on the world to give due honor to the German soldier, who fought honorably for his country. In the U.S. Occupation Zone fewer than 70 persons of nearly 1,000,000 tried by denazification tribunals in the past five years remained in prison. Fewer than 300 Germans are still held for war crimes. (Membership in organizations like the SS and Gestapo ran into tens of thousands; 10 to 14 million persons were slaughtered by these organizations).

But even in renazified West Germany politicians were maneuvering to talk unity with East Germany and hoping to avoid war. Germany's ranking Protestant churchman, Bishop Otto Dibelius, offered his home in

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REPORT TO READERS

Please renew today!

THIS WEEK, with the cry for Peace busting out all over, the Peace Paper sent you a letter, our annual note to all subscribers.

We enclosed a handy, self-addressed, postage-paid return envelope with your address-plate stamped inside the flap—a quick, trouble-saving convenience for you to send us your $2 subscription renewal by return mail.

Perhaps you have already received the letter, sent the renewal. If not — —

All of us at the GUARDIAN most fervently ask that you pause in this very day's occupation, tuck your $2 (bills, check, money order or what have you) into your envelope and mail it back to us.

WHAT'S THE RUSH? Well, it is no secret that the GUARDIAN peddled its papers at a loss for most of 1950, at our $1-a-year discount rate—so we rather desperately need your $2 renewal NOW for 1951. We ask this even if your subscription doesn't run out for a few months more. Frankly, we could receive no more welcome token of your confidence in the GUARDIAN and your desire to keep it coming than your sub renewal in the next mail. (Whatever your present expiration date, we will of course tack on a full year when you renew.)

THE POINT IS that our $1 discount-rate campaign for readership did its job in 1950, and now we're asking your help in making it pay off. As a result of that campaign we have enough subscribers to keep the paper on its feet for the whole of 1951 if everybody pitches in now with a $2 renewal.

Funny thing, this job of jogging people into a big deal like mailing a $2 bill (it really amounts to less than 4c a week for your GUARDIAN). People have sent us checks for as much as $50 to buy our table linens, Christmas cards and the like; but when we check them for correct addresses in the sub files, we find a lot of them already a month or more overdue on renewing.

WE CAN GUARANTEE that you'll find a lot of things just as good and useful as linen bargains in your GUARDIAN week in and week out throughout 1951—and we of the staff can think of no job we'd rather be doing (with your permission!) than to keep it coming to you every week.

So—as our letter and the coupon below have suggested—start the New Year right with your GUARDIAN sub renewal NOW. Use the handy, postage-paid envelope we sent you and save even licking a postage stamp.

AND AGAIN WE WISH YOU all the things you hope for in 1951, including peace with a lifetime guarantee.

JOHN T. McMANUS
For the Editors and Staff

Start the New Year right!

Why not send us the following resolution today —

Here's my $2 now — extend my present subscription for a full year. No need to send me a renewal notice any time in 1951. $.....

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THE MAIL BAG

Any scoffers left?

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND.

There were people who scoffed at you when you denounced the entry of the UN and particularly the U.S. into the Korean war. I hope that by now those people, including Henry Wallace, have realized the intelligence of your initial criticism. Now that we are again in the shadow of world catastrophe surely they can perceive the stupidity of forcing an unwanted man on a rebellious people.

Robert Morris Smith

Keep it on ice

RANSOMVILLE, N.C.

Dewey says we can't fight a war with automobiles and refrigerators. Let's have lots of automobiles and refrigerators. **Vernon Ward**

Reason and emotion

BLOOMINGTON, IND.

There have been several comments about "sensationalism" in your Mail Bag of late. First, I want to congratulate the honesty of a political newspaper which regularly prints criticism of itself.

Second, I want to defend the GUARDIAN approach. We know that many good people are chary of anything which smacks of emotional appeal. (A bourgeois society puts emotional straitjackets on most of us, anyway). But these good people forget that rational conviction alone never won a political battle; people fight best when they fight for their deepest, most personal interests. A progressive paper must document its position; it must also give that rational structure flesh and blood in terms of people's daily lives.

One might say that reason and emotion are two edges of the progressive political sword. If either is slighted, the movement is weakened. The chief principle, I think, is to make sure that emotional appeals, exhortations, are always backed up by documentation. **Dell Hymes**

Mouths of babes

OAKLAND, CALIF.

The small son of a local physician made this comment on the threat of war:

"Daddy, some day they will give a war and no one will come to it."

Thanks for your part in speeding the day.

C. M. Vickland

Madam, you said it!

LEMONT, ILL.

The American people, yearning for peace and freedom while being bled white for war and saddled with a McCarran police-state law, need no presidential proclamation of "national emergency" to make them aware that the American Way of Life (AWOL) is indeed AWOL.

Mary Phillips

Free dance in France

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Having recently returned from France, I thought you might be interested in an experience I had in St. Germain, a holiday resort 20 miles outside Paris.

The little town was plastered with announcements of a free dance given by the Communist Party. As a matter of curiosity I went to the party and found a good-sized hall jammed with young people enjoying themselves—and nearly all the men were soldiers in French uniform. Organizers of the meeting were busy collecting signatures for the Stockholm peace appeal and against an extension of the period of conscription. The soldiers seemed as ready to sign as the rest of the crowd. **Returned Traveler**

Harry's new-style chip

OAKLAND, CALIF.

With no apologies for the President's unprecedented threat of bodily harm to a critic of Margaret's musical limitations, it is nevertheless urgent that we understand Truman's early background, which makes him want to fight.

Like the undersigned, he was brought up in an age and a part of the country where the supreme test of courage and manliness was one's willingness to engage in physical combat at the least provocation. In fact, even when there was no provocation "he-man" boys were often stimulated to fight each other by the desire of "the gang" for a little excitement to relieve the boredom of early middle western life. It was common practice for the bully of the gang to place a chip (wood or cow) on the shoulder of a smaller boy and dare another boy to knock it off. If the second boy didn't knock it off, he was considered a coward. If he did, a fight was sure to result.

The seriousness of the situation, of course, is not the President's habit of threatening individuals who irritate him, but the fact that his middle western psychology of a half century ago seems to pervade his foreign policy. Instead of wood or cow chips, he carries an atomic bomb on his shoulder and dares anyone to knock it off. And he is still too willing to yield to the demands of "the gang" for excitement, blood, markets, profits, or whatever the motive of the war-mongers for wanting another bloody conflict.

Mid-West Pinky

To spread peace

NEW YORK, N.Y.

I'm sure the GUARDIAN gets letters from many people who wish they could subscribe but haven't got the money. So I am completing my own Christmas list by sending you two bucks—the most I can afford right now—to bring the peace paper to someone on the GUARDIAN's list. Hope other readers will follow suit. **Charles West**

Independence and K. C.

INDEPENDENCE, MO.

Readers in and around Kansas City and Independence have been talking about organizing Guardian Clubs to discuss articles in the GUARDIAN and bring more people into contact with it. Any readers interested? If so, please contact me.

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A Catholic protests

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

We are compelled to write you after reading the vicious letter in the Nov. 29 issue of the GUARDIAN by M. Barna.

In this period, when the unity of all the little people is needed to fight for peace and democracy, any material which appeals to latent prejudices is dangerous. There must be a differentiation between the masses of Catholic people and the policy of the Catholic hierarchy.

The anti-Catholic and white-supremacy overtones of Mr. Barna's letter should not have been printed in a paper that fights for peace and freedom as the GUARDIAN does. The letter conforms to the ideology of the anti-Catholic "Know Nothing Party" of the Civil War period and is synonomous with the fascist ideology of the contemporary Ku Klux Klan. **Mr. & Mrs. S. Schieber**

Letter to the Pope

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

I read in the Mailbag a letter to the Pope by Joseph Kerrigan, Keystone Heights, Fla. I would suggest that if Mr. Kerrigan reads The Vatican in World Politics by Avro Manhattan he will have his answer.

Annie Smith

ATTENTION ALIENS!

Under Sec. 24 of Public Law 831 (McCarran Law) non-citizens must send their current address to the Commsr. of Immigration & Naturalization, 19th & E. Capitol Sts. NE, Washington 25, D.C., before Jan. 10, 1951. Send the information on a postcard. Failure to do it will subject non-citizens to $100 fine, 30 days in jail or both.

How to kill the McCarran Law in '51: Get the facts to the people! Build the family of GUARDIAN subscribers!

Guardian night

New Yorkers—and out-of-towners who'll be in New York: Reserve Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, for National Guardian night at **Nat Turner**, one of the most stirring theater plays in years. BOX OFFICE PRICES: $2.40, $1.80, $1.20. Call WOrth 4-1750, or send cash, check or money order for reservations to Guardian Theater Party, 17 Murray St., N.Y.C.7.

Mrs. Eddy on apathy

OAKLAND, CALIF.

Seldes suspends **In Fact** because of the "apathy among American liberals" which is "the curse of our civilization." Agreeing that it is a tragedy but hoping Seldes "is wrong in putting it down to apathy," the GUARDIAN means to assure progressives that it is not incurable.

In **Science and Health**, p. 570, Mary Baker Eddy writes:

"The march of Mind and of honest investigation will bring the hour when the people will chain, with fetters of some sort, the growing occultism of this period. The present apathy as to the tendency of certain active yet unseen mental agencies will finally be shocked into another extreme mortal mood—into human indignation—for one extreme follows another."

The human occultism of 1950: witch hunts, spy mania, flying saucers, falling ice, man from Mars, unseen bombers, iron curtains, magic mirrors and fiction whose purpose is to divert, nauseate, degrade and keep the thinking of our citizens as far as possible from real life. "War will end when nations are ripe for progress" (Mrs. Eddy, 1905). Just to the extent that Americans "chain with fetters of some sort" the occultism which was detected before the start of the century and has now grown to such fantastic dimensions, will this nation be ready for progress. **Helen Elder**

Handbill bombing

MORRISTOWN, TENN.

As one antidote to the current Truman plan to frighten the dwellers in our cities out of their wits with atom-bomb hoaxes and excitement, so HE can drop a bomb and get the war started, I suggest as follows:

If the progressives and unions in a city say, like Chicago, were to print a million or two handbills exposing this trick in simple language, so any reader can understand, and flutter them down in the streets from the rooftops, it would help put the people wise.

The people aren't so dumb. They are just being lied to morning, noon and night by the rascals in Washington. **Adam Beatty**

Tennessee Gallup

ERWIN, TENN.

Though I have no license from Mr. Gallup, I take a private grass-roots political poll every so often in a couple of Tennessee counties. Made a round this week and find that Walter Lippmann is right about the trend toward isolationism. I can tell Walter some more trends he may not be aware of as he chases his tail around in the upper brackets and Chase Natl. Banking circles. The American People (never noted for being good losers) are growing quite angry at the reckless, brainless and conscienceless leadership responsible for the defeat in Korea. Truman not only couldn't be elected hereabouts for dog-catcher — he would have to run like hell if he were ever caught out without his bodyguard.

I find also that Wall Street's propaganda against socialism isn't taking at all. The great need for socialized medicine, in particular, is well understood and warmly supported. The people still cherish their Constitution and hate its breakers; they rightly trace the dollar-a-dozen price on eggs to Truman's destruction of eggs for the speculators; they want peace (yes, "at any price"), and know well enough that the threats to our "life, liberty and happiness" come from Washington and Wall St. and nowhere else. Many a draftee is griping about "the rich man's war and the poor man's fight."

Ernest Seeman

For Alec Shalit

CHICAGO, ILL.

Am enclosing a check in the amount of $10 in memory of my husband, Alec Shalit, who passed away Nov. 29. Please use this to renew our subscription and those of the few names I sent in. May you keep on doing your good work.

Mrs. A. Shalit

REARMAMENT WITH TEARS

How the U.S. is ruining Western Europe

By Tabitha Petran

LAST week the GUARDIAN reported Secy. Acheson's trip to Belgium to "lay an egg," as one observer (quoted in the N.Y. **Times**) described the U.S. effort to create a 1,000,000-man European Army with Atlantic Pact-Marshall Plan countries. The aptness of the farmyard simile is due not only to political realities but to the fact that, primarily owing to U.S. stockpiling of raw materials for war and attendant inflation, Western Europe's shaky economic structure is coming apart at the seams.

On the same day, last month, that Britain was declared to have "recovered" enough to be cut off Marshall Plan aid, Britons' meat rations were trimmed from 16c worth of fresh, 5c worth of canned per week to 10c fresh, 2c canned. If this is recovery, observed the **Wall St. Journal,**

> . . . the Briton can be forgiven for shying away from any more of it.

Ending of Marshall aid was made possible by high British dollar profits from Malayan rubber and tin and Australian wool. But the terms of trade (quantity of imports obtainable per unit of exports) have swung violently against Britain. With import prices up 25% in the past year, export prices only 7%, Britain must export 17% more to pay for minimum imports to feed its people and industries.

In every single day of October, the N.Y. **Times** reported from London,

> . . . a new increase in the cost of goods or services was announced. Most housewives realize, however, that the worst is yet to come.

THE PORK BARREL: The **Times** said living costs were up 17 to 19% since June, 1947. Average wage of manufacturing workers is $21.22 a week. London's **Financial Times** admits wages lag behind soaring prices, which **Labour Research** attributes to "pressure of U.S. stockpiling."

The stockpile, for which U.S. taxpayers paid $1,300,000,000 from 1947 to 1950 with another billion scheduled for 1951, is a colossal porkbarrel for U.S. business's "men in government" to bid up prices at will. Price jumps in 1950:

Rubber: 18c to 79c a lb.
Tin: 78c to $1.50.
Copper: 18½c to 24½c
Lead: 12c to 17c
Sulphur: $18 to $21 a ton.
Wool: $1.75 to $2.50 a lb.

The copper stockpile is already 400,000 tons, with the 1951 program calling for 300,000-500,000 more (or from 15 to 20% of world output). Zinc, about 500,000 short tons—more than was consumed in direct war effort in any single year 1942-5.

LOOKS LIKE DEATH: But to many European industries, as **Business Week** said, raw material prices "mean life or death." Shortages of raw materials may, said Defense Minister Shinwell, find Britain "in a position where we would have unemployment and be unable to fulfil the armament program."

The **Financial Times** describes the situation in the Midlands, Britain's industrial heart, as "the gravest" since 1940, threatening "a chaotic situation." Metal industries face dislocations, bottlenecks and shutdowns by spring. The U.S.-announced cut in sulphur exports will play havoc with the chemical industry. (The U.S. produces 90% of world sulphur output; control is divided between Morgan's Texas Sulphur and Rockefeller's Freeport Sulphur).

PLEADING PILGRIMS: On his recent visit here Attlee sought U.S. agreement to fair distribution and reasonable prices for raw materials. Earlier a mission from the European Marshall Plan Committee trudged to Washington for the same purpose. Only concrete result is the decision taken at Brussels to set up a production authority for Atlantic Pact nations under a U.S. chief.

Europe put its economies into a U.S. strait-jacket through the Marshall Plan and U.S.-inspired economic blockade of the socialist world. It may get raw materials, but at the price of surrendering control of its economic life. Britain, with a projected arms program of $10,000,000,000 in the next three years, is also suffering coal, shipping and power shortages and must divert men and materials to war industry, thus reducing the already inadequate supply of consumer goods.

ENGLAND: LESS MEAT, LESS PEACE OF MIND
Ask the housewife, she'll tell you how it feels

France

France's dilemma is worse than Britain's since it has no comparable dollar earners. Living costs have jumped more than 20% since the Korean war, with the average French wage remaining at about $9 a week. Import and production costs have soared. Said the **Wall St. Journal:**

> **There can be no "rearmament without tears" as the British hoped for last summer. Yet no political leader in France has as yet dared to warn his countrymen that they must be prepared to live less comfortably than they do today.**

West Germany

All Western Europe is suffering a coal shortage; England, traditional exporter, may import 2,000,000 tons of U.S. coal. Diversion of Ruhr coal to arms industries is closing down West Germany's peace-time industries. Paper mills in Lower Saxony recently cut shipments owing to the coal famine. German coal jumped $1 a ton in December. German families are unable to buy coal for their homes.

Shipping rates on U.S. coal to Europe have jumped to $10 a ton from $5.75 a month ago. On grain, metal, scrap, sugar, oil they are up by almost as much; on manufactured goods they are up 10 to 20%.

These are the effects of the first tiny installment of rearmament. The kind of rearmament program Acheson is demanding would speed up these processes ten-fold.

The Wheelers tell all

Are you listening, Mr. Winchell?

Last spring George and Eleanor Wheeler, American citizens who write for the GUARDIAN from Prague, asked the Czech government for asylum for themselves and their four children. They acted in protest against what they described as the U.S. government's drive to war. A few weeks ago columnist Walter Winchell, in a typically undocumented paragraph, said the Wheelers were having a bad time of it. In a typically documented dispatch Eleanor Wheeler sets the record straight.

By Eleanor Wheeler
Special to the GUARDIAN

PRAGUE, C.S.R.

IT SEEMS that Walter Winchell wrote that George is in "dire straits," a "pitiful figure" disliked by the Reds and loathed by the Czechs. We know some Czechs who are Communists too, but that's beside the point. Just in case anyone thinks there's a grain of truth in Winchell, I'll tell you how the Wheeler family lives.

The father of the family has a job with the Ministry of Social Welfare, summarizing the foreign press and making economic analyses. He is writing a book under the auspices of the peace organizations here.

The mother of the family reads and reviews books for translation and gives advice on these—whether or not the advice is taken it is paid for. We each get social insurance which entitles the family to free medical care, medicine, dentistry, eyeglasses and hospitalization. Mighty dire straits.

THE BUSY KIDS: Now the boys: Frank is president of his Pioneer group and candidate for cultural adviser for the class and brigade adviser for the school. Toby is president of his candidates-for-Pioneer group; scrap collection adviser, also. Both are under hire to make a monthly broadcast to England and do the back (children's) page for the English-language **Czechoslovak Life.** As for the girls, they have no public function, but I can safely say they are liked.

George gets a basic salary of $200 a month; I get $100. This is considered good because, for instance, rent on a superior four-room flat, fully furnished, is $21. It isn't as good as a miner gets, of course, and his rent is around $4 a month. Our additional income comes from translations and articles.

It reminds me of that wonderful joke where the fellow says that if he were as rich as Rothschild he'd be richer than Rothschild. Asked how that could be, he said: "I'd teach on the side." Well, we're not as rich as Rothschild but we are pleasantly surprised by the number of times the postman comes around with a little bundle of 100-crown ($2) notes for some introduction George has written, or a lecture, or something. Here money orders are paid directly in cash by the postman.

CHEAP — AND GOOD: My salary takes care of rent, utilities, maid service, laundry, etc. George's is more than enough for food, shoes and other clothing. The teaching on the side buys us fine book cases and the ability to invite people in to dinner without pinching.

The basic necessities are low: milk, 8c a quart; bread (good, tasty, not devitaminized), less than 5c a pound; potatoes, under 33c a pound; meat, 40 to 60c a pound. Theater tickets run from 50c (children, 6 to 30c); movie tickets, if we get the best seats, 40c. My lunches, for soup, bread, meat, vegetables, potatoes or dumplings and dessert are 15c at the office canteen.

Of course, Czech mothers have to scrabble more than I do for clothing, but that has vastly improved. Very rarely do you see shabby shoes. Children's shoes are deliberately low-priced.

WINCHELL'S TIPSTER: On Winchell's point that we are trying to get home but that the State Dept. won't have us: We are trying so hard that we just bought a refrigerator, after struggling for two years with an ice-box which worked on the drop-right-through-to-the-pan principle. No other capital equipment besides bookcases, because we think the GUARDIAN and the Civil Rights Congress need the money more than we need a car.

Winchell says he got his tip from a "friendly embassy." The only one we could conclude was that friendly to Winchell was the American Embassy. It's not the first time they have tried this sort of thing on Americans here.

When we come home we won't ask Winchell's permission. Of course we sometimes want to be home with our families—especially at the holiday season. But we have all been solid in our feeling that we made the best decision we could. We are not prominent here, now that we don't speechify. But we never pretended to be prominent people anywhere.

ELEANOR WHEELER AND TWO YOUNG WHEELERS
Mighy dire straits, indeed!

Goodwill or bombs? The choice for '51

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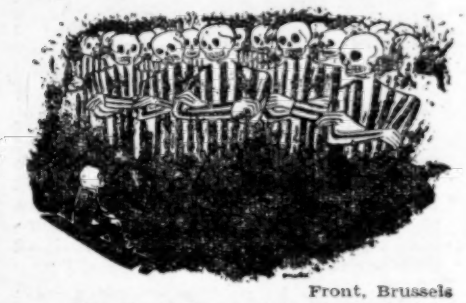
Berlin as a meeting place for Chancellor Adenauer and East German Prime Minister Grotewohl.

THE PEACEFUL 12: Most of the Western world was hoping to halt the U.S. push to war. In London official sources said Prime Minister Attlee will try to persuade Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa to recognize



Front, Brussels

The Dead demand to be heard.

China at the Commonwealth parley opening there this week. At Lake Success the 12 Arab and Asian nations tried all last week to soften the U.S. attitude toward China and secure its agreement to a Far Eastern conference.

The U.S. remained adamant, was reported to have threatened to break up the UN rather than yield. A U.S. spokesman said the U.S. would ask strong action against China, possibly economic sanctions and condemnation as an aggressor, if the offensive continued southward in Korea.

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War policy protest swells to flood

THE people became so vocal last week in their opposition to the bipartisan war policy that both Secy. Acheson and his Republican adviser

John Foster Dulles took to the air to defend it. Both echoed familiar themes in proclaiming that the U.S. must stand by its allies and not "crawl back into our own hole." Congressional mail showed overwhelming sentiment for the proposals set forth Dec. 20 by ex-President Hoover. Mail to Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.) was running 90 to 1 in favor of the Hoover program to get out of Korea and most of Europe, the N.Y. **Times** reported; to Sen. Taft (R-O.) more than 100 to 1. Said the **Times:**

> **Many letters . . . demanded the impeachment of President Truman, linked Hoover with Bernard Baruch and Joseph Kennedy, former Ambassador to Great Britain, as "wiser than the crowd in the White House," and demanded to know how long this country could "afford to play Santa Claus."**

There was opposition even in the Administration's own ranks. The decision to fight on in Korea was taken despite "some agitation in the Pentagon to get U.S. forces out of Korea" (James Reston, N.Y. **Times**). Defense Secy. Marshall and top military men were reported by Drew Pearson to oppose not only trying to hang on in Korea but Acheson's "limited war" program against China.

HESSIANS, PLEASE: The Hoover program is a development of policies put

forward by the extreme right wing since the end of World War II, advocating use of ex-enemy and fascist troops while the U.S. concentrates on naval and air power. Armies of Germany, Japan, Spain, Chiang Kai-shek would be used as U.S. mercenaries to suppress today's revolutions as the British in the 18th century used Hessian mercenaries in an effort to stamp out the American revolution.

In reality, the Hoover policy is already being implemented as a part of the Truman war program. In West Germany, press reports now admit the labor force constitutes the trained core of the new Wehrmacht. In Japan, Hanson Baldwin conceded in the N.Y. **Times** last month, the 125,000-strong police force is a nucleus for the Japanese army (for which Gen. MacArthur called in his New Year's Day message to the Japanese people and for which the State Dept. is preparing the way in its current stepped-up efforts to write a separate peace with Japan.) Although the State Dept. has vehemently denied Chinese-Russian charges that Japanese military have been used in Korea, the N.Y. **Herald Tribune** last month published a letter from the well-known anti-Communist Christopher Emmet revealing that Japanese sailors manned the ships used in the Inchon landings, Japanese seamen helped sweep mines.

UNEASY MAIN ST.: The Republican contingent in Congress was prepared to make hay with the more aggressive aspects of the Hoover program. The N.Y. **Herald Tribune** predicted:

> **They will try to force the President and Mr. Acheson to give more direct support to Chiang Kai-shek and to take more aggressive steps against Communist China.**

But letters to the editor in papers throughout the country suggested that it was the "bring our boys back home" part of the Hoover program which the public found most appealing. The N.Y. **Times** reported that many supported neither Hoover nor Truman, "but rather were bewildered and felt the need for leadership and enlightenment."

An Associated Press roundup of editorial and letters-to-the-editor sentiment found letters in the Midwest running as high as 10 to 1 for Hoover, with Truman suppported most in the Northeast.

The Newport News (Va.) **Daily Press** got a "half and half" response to an editorial advocating a truce with China.

Canard Enchaine, Paris

"What so-and-so put that line here!"

A housewife wrote the Charlotte, N.C., **Observer:** "Get the boys out of Korea and then impeach some of the bunglers who caused it to happen." A letter to the Chicago **Daily News** said: "Our plight in Asia is due, not to Acheson's appeasement of Russia and the new China, but to Truman's appeasement of the Republicans, especially one Gen. MacArthur."

DID HARRY CONSULT GOD? The great foreign policy debate betrayed much confusion, some common sense, was drastically restricted by the assumption on almost all sides of "Russian aggression" as a fact. But some spoke up against this assumption.

George Marvin, former vice-consul-general in Mukden, Manchuria, asked in a letter to the N.Y. **Herald Tribune:**

> **From what source, human or divine, does the U.S. of North America get a mandate to dominate world philosophies of life? Whether we like it or not, the conception of communal welfare has captured the imaginations of Asia, in some of whose national communities, notably China, its roots go down deep in the accumulative human experience of centuries.**
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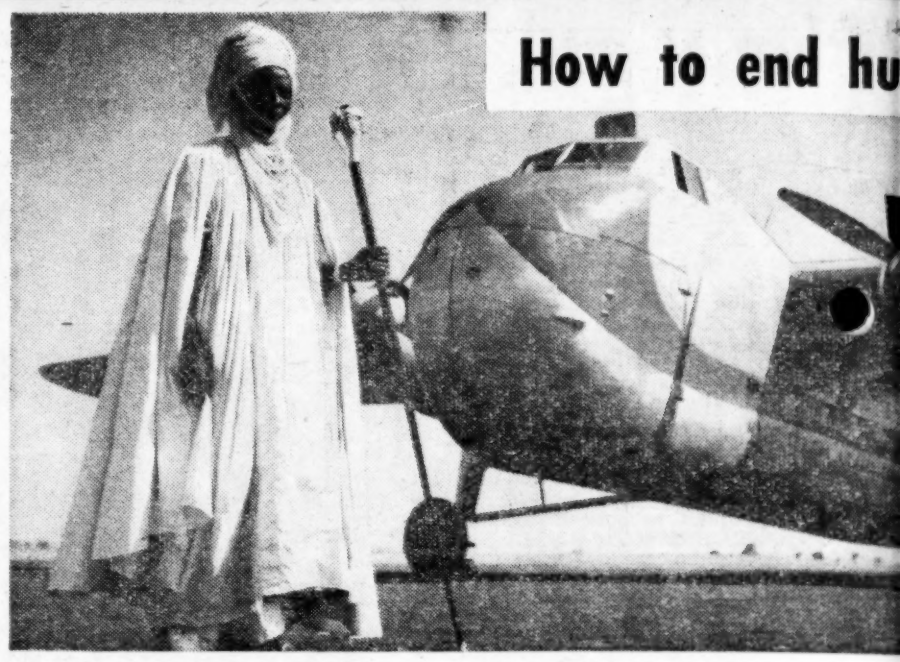
> **We cannot by force eradicate Communism from this planet. We have got to live with it to recognize its proved validity in other national communities and devise some modus vivendi founded on the Golden Rule, no matter what the cost to us as measured in terms of exploitation, commercial profit, and domination of geographical and human areas far outside our national boundaries. The alternative is chaos.**



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Africans are eager for UN aid. The Lam awa welcomes UN's mission to Togoland

How to end hu

By Ritchie Calder

(Mr. Calder is science editor of the British liberal daily News Chronicle. *The following is excerpted from a three-part article in* Reynolds News, *London.)*

AN East African Negro said to me at a recent conference on United Nations Technical Aid, at Geneva: "What you do to help us is less important than how you do it."

That remark holds the key to our past mistakes and to our future opportunities. It is the rejection of paternalism and the insistence on free co-operation.

A thousand million people in the world are underfed. What we glibly call "communism," in countries where the people have never heard of Marx, is hunger becoming articulate and suffering becoming militant. "Democracy" is a word which rumbles meaninglessly in empty bellies.

TREES FOR WHOM? I like to believe that the instinct which prompted Truman's Point Four was genuine. Yet it is now regarded with profound suspicion in undeveloped territories. The price to be paid for technical advancement, however generous the investment and however low the interest, can be too high if it means pawning the future of a people or kowtowing to alien culture.

The French in North Africa have great schemes for finding new water and providing new lands, new pasturages and new oases in the Sahara Desert. I saw them. Yet when I wrote about these things I got indignant protests from North African Arabs. Did I not realize that this "colonization" was just a device to confine the Beduins to the

Freedom in Africa

THEY tell us we are in a Free country. . . . Yes, we are Free. Free to starve, free to live in shacks, free to be idle and unemployed, free to die for want of medical attention. Free to work for low wages, free not to have anything to save, free to vote only if you own so much, earn so much or pay so much rent, free to have a legislature loaded with government tacks of one kind or another.

. . . Free to buy and sell from and to whom the parent state dictates, free to have a Mayor and a relief committee, refuse aid to victims of a landslide, free to have an arbitrary sedition law clamped on the leaders of the people and silenced if they go long enough and far enough.

It is possible that democracy and freedom have different meaning for different people.

—AFRICAN STANDARD, organ of the West African Youth League, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Sept. 29.

"THE THING TO DO": The Catholic magazine **Commonweal** called for

> **. . . a series of drastic moves . . . a shift in policy . . . [since] the continent of Asia is lost. . . . The thing to do is to withdraw our troops from Korea on the best terms we can make. . . . In Asia the odds against us are insurmountable. The whole continent is in revolt against centuries of colonial exploitation by the West. And the Communists in many lands have succeeded in capturing the leadership in this great native uprising. The U.S., on the other hand . . . is too often cast in the imperialist role.**

In the January issue of **The Progressive** (La Follette) of Wisconsin, Helen Mears, former labor advised in Japan, wrote:

> **The President has defined the term "Communist imperialism" to include any civil war, or any Asiatic native revolt against Europe. From the Asiatic point of view . . . this policy is merely an extension of the centuries-old domination of Asia by the Western powers. . . . Why is it "aggression" for the North Koreans to fight the South Koreans in order to unify their own country if it is not "aggression" for the French to fight the native people in order to reconquer their former Indo-China colonies?**

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PEACE

Tennessee trio trek to "abolish war"

THREE Tennesseeans passed through New York City last week on their way to Geneva, Switzerland, on a unique mission: they were elected by the people of their state to serve as delegates to a World Constituent Assembly. They carried with them a slogan, "Peace Cannot Wait," and the blessings of scientist Albert Einstein, who said:

> **"The mounting danger of a totally devastating conflict is rapidly convincing the whole world that world federation government must be created."**

The idea of a World Constituent Assembly, with one representative for every million of population in each land to be elected by direct vote, was thought up three years ago by one of the Tennesseeans, Fyke Farmer, a Nashville attorney and state senator. He has been working at it here and abroad since. How many elected delegates would turn up in Geneva on Dec. 30 he could not predict. But, he said, even if nobody came except the three "they would be lonesome but they would be right".

Commented Tennesseean columnist Jennings Perry:

> **The world, busy with another war, may**

unger for one-tenth the cost of fear

amido (king) of Adam-
d and the Cameroons.

Starving Indonesians at a Dutch refugee camp. The world has 1,000,000,000 underfed—but handouts are no solution.

desert?

Next door in Libya the Italians under the Fascist regime did an impressive technological job in desert reclamation, to establish colonies for Italian settlers. How they did it earned them such odium that even the trees they planted as wind-breaks and dune-fixers became a symbol of persecution to the Arabs. When the 8th Army drove through, the Arabs celebrated their liberation by tearing up a million trees.

SORRY, CAN'T AFFORD IT: To give the depressed peoples of the world the average standard of life of Europeans would cost $4,200,000,000 a year. That is not my figure. It is the estimate of the UN Technical Assistance Board, which less than $20,000,000 a year to nd. The $4,200,000,000 is not soup-kitchen stuff, not hand-out relief, but development which would help the underprivileged to help themselves—international public works of lasting benefit.

"But," said the UN official who gave it, "that figure is out-of-this-world."

Out-of-this-world? It depends on your standards of values. That figure is roughly what Britain will be spending yearly on defense over the next three years. It is less than a tenth of the annual armaments bill of the Great Powers. Ten times more to prepare for war than is needed to replenish the earth!

Perhaps $4,200,000,000 a year is a lot to invest in an act of faith, but compare it again with what we sink in the Slough of Despond and the Quagmire of Fear. And I repeat—it depends on how you invest it. If you aim deliberately to build a commercial empire, then you worsen the resentments you are trying to convert.

HOW TO SELL POTS: Africans and Asiatics distrust Point Four and are queuing up for Technical Aid. A typical request is from an Indian Provincial Government with plans to drain a great marsh area to provide hundreds of thousands of acres for cultivation and an area for industrial development. The second is as important as the first because, in India, one of the hunger problems is that there are too many people trying to get a living from the land, and it is of paramount importance that large numbers should be drained, not into centralized industries, but into local industries which capitalist mass-production has destroyed.

So, while the Provincial Government would like help on the reclamation project, its first request is not for engineers but for social planners, for housing and community experts, so that it can avoid the mistakes and the slums of Western industrialization. They want to build homes, not houses, and they will be Indian homes, not something imported from Streatham or Brooklyn.

That mission can be more important to the future happiness of the settlers than all the technical skill of contract-seekers. The scheme will mean food for hundreds of thousands, orders for pumps, for pipe-lines, for factory equipment or maybe the machine-tools to make that equipment. It could mean pots and pans and alarm clocks—in short, mutual aid on a goodwill basis.

COMPARE THESE PRICES: The report on Greece by the independent mission sent there by Boyd Orr, as Director-General of UN's Food and Agricultural Organization, should be framed in the Foreign Office and the State Dept. and surrounded by a mourning wreath. It showed that for $70,000,000 and with drastic internal reforms, agreed by the then government of Greece, the country could have been made self-supporting on basic foodstuffs in three to five years.

Instead of UN-administered help, Greece got more than $400,000,000 in unilateral military aid from the U.S.A. They may have beaten Markos, but the misery and corruption which FAO proposed to deal with still persists—the compost of civil discontent.

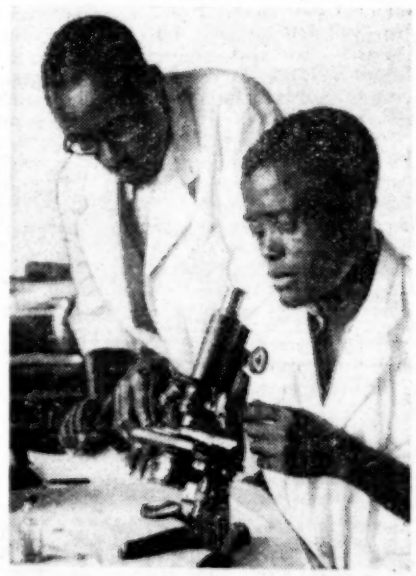
WHITE, BLACK OR RED? One complaint about UN Technical Aid is that since UN is an inter-governmental body, it can only consider requests from sovereign states. Britain, France, Belgium and Portugal decide for most of Africa what shall or shall not be done by way of development. There is, for example, the Central African Railway, completing what Cecil Rhodes dreamed of as the All-Red Route from Cape to Cairo.

It cannot be All-Red in his sense—not with Malan at one end and Farouk at the other—but it might be in a vastly different sense. American capital is going into it because it is of strategic importance, giving access to the rich mineral (and particularly uranium) resources of Central Africa. That railway can drastically change the whole character of the African territories. I cannot say, because I cannot know, whether the changes will be beneficial or not. But it is a White Man's project in the White Man's interest, without reference to the Black Man's future.

THE HELP THEY NEED: As a legacy of exploitation, even the best intentions are suspect. That was borne upon me when, after I had been discussing how the control of the tsetse fly would release from its dominion millions of square miles of Africa, for livestock development, a tall, sombre Hausa rose and said:

"My people say 'The tsetse fly is our soldier. It keeps out the white man.'"

The kind of help which the undeveloped countries need from the richer countries is self-help.



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"The help they need is self-help." Malarial tsetse-fly control alone is a tremendous challenge, but white-man control is the Africans' No. 1 problem.

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not even notice. . . . It may not even be able to resist the temptation of seeing what universal disaster would be like. But Farmer and his fellow delegates elected by the people will be there with pencils sharpened, ready to go to work to construct the Parliament of Man. . . . It may be on the fantastic side; but there is no part of it which is even remotely ridiculous.

CHICAGO RALLIES FOR IT: Chicagoans were preparing the city's biggest peace rally in one of its largest halls, the Coliseum, on Friday, Jan. 12. Rev. Joseph Fletcher, professor of Christian Ethics at the Episcopal Seminary in Cambridge, Mass., and Charles Howard, Iowa attorney and publisher, will be the principal speakers. Chicago's eight delegates to the recent Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw will also speak. Sponsoring the rally are Prof. Anton J. Carlson, University of Chi-; Flora J. Cooke, principal em-as, Frances Parker School; Rev. Joseph Evans, Metropolitan Community Church; Prof. Robert Morss Lovett, former governor of the Virgin Islands; Bernard Lucas, chairman of the Chicago Labor Conference for Peace; Thomas L. Slater, Secy.-Treas. of Local 1 of the AFL Carpenters Union; Mandel Terman, businessman; and Idell M. Umbles of American Women For Peace.

HARRY & GOD: Across the world in Australia two leading churchmen were highly critical of President Truman's call for world-wide peace prayers. Said Rev. Alan Walker, superintendent of the Waverly Methodist Mission:

"I think there is a good deal of evidence that Truman thinks the purpose of religion is to get God on America's side. A far greater American president, Abraham Lincoln, in a time of crisis said he was more concerned about being on God's side than about getting God on his side."

The Anglican dean of Sydney was just as blunt:

"Churchmen won't be altogether happy about Truman's call for prayer. It's too obviously political. I think some church leaders will be skeptical about the value of prayer organized for political motives and in an endeavor to command the Deity."

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FREEDOMS

Nat'l group formed for M'Carran repeal

THE appeal to the President was signed by 63 clergymen in 25 states:

We believe that it would be highly appropriate for you in keeping with this Christmas season, to order the Justice Dept. to end its cruel and needless deportation drive, which has already brought suffering and misery to many honest and decent people and has already damaged American institutions.

It was unheeded. Before New Year's Day came round the Immigration Dept. had handed down deportation orders against six persons. They were the first such orders under the new McCarran Law which provides that any evidence—as tawdry as the word of a

stoolpigeon—of past or present membership in the Communist Party is ground for deportation. The six: John Zydok, Detroit, born in Russia; George Siskind, writer and teacher, born in Poland; Frank Fleer, tailor, born in Russia; Alexander Bittelman, Marxist theoretician, born in Russia; Claudia Jones, secretary of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party, born in British West Indies; and Rose Nelson Lightcap, an official of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order. All six announced they would appeal. Forty-two other foreign-born arrested in midnight raids in October are scheduled for early hearings.

"THIS INFAMOUS ACT": To halt these and coming persecutions under the new law, a group of 32 prominent Americans, including two Nobel prize winners, six bishops and noted educators, scientists and labor leaders, took the initiative in forming a National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act. Before the week was out they were joined by more than 1,000 other leading citizens from all 48 states and the District of Columbia. Said the new committee:

We are convinced that the American people realize that the preservation of the Bill of Rights is their responsibility and that they will therefore join with us in demanding repeal of this infamous act.

In Washington Rep. Adolph Sabath (D-Ill.) introduced a repeal bill in the House; he is expected to re-introduce it in the 82d Congress. Others spoke out; Bishop M. L. Deborah of the Missionary Center in New York City had this to say:

"If we are going to register the American Communists, then every true American who has the problem of the Negro and other poor working classes at heart would have to register, including the Lord, Our Savior."

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Guardian, Jefferson vie for red laurels

IS the Bill of Rights un-American? By last month's 159th anniversary of the charter of U.S. freedoms, officially-inspired confusions had reached the point where it seemed so to hundreds who heard an NBC broadcast celebrating the event. The program was carefully planned with an "anti-communist" slant. But NBC officials were "flabbergasted" when their station switchboards from coast to coast were jammed with protests that the show was "communist-inspired."

It was a climate in which dwindling liberties might be expected to dwindle

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further. These were some of the happenings on the freedom front:

OFFENSIVE ANGELS: Last July Mrs. Olava Skottedal and World War II veteran Martin Robbins of Babylon, L.I., were arrested because "they did circulate literature and attempt to obtain signatures to an offensive peace petition." The literature: the NATIONAL

GUARDIAN. Last week the two were denied the right to a jury trial and held in $500 bail each after five months of freedom without bail. Local residents have appealed to GUARDIAN readers to send protests to Justice of the Peace Walter Saxton, Town Hall, Babylon, Long Island.

LAWYERS: Six attorneys who defended the 11 Communist Party leaders were convicted of contempt of court after the trial (now being appealed to the Supreme Court). A week ago two of them Harry Sacher and Abraham Isserman, were in court again, this time to defend themselves in disbarment proceedings brought by N.Y. City and county bar associations. The charge: they conspired to delay the trial; "identified themselves completely with the cause of their clients"; suggested that trial judge Harold R. Medina was biased; said when the judge told them to sit down: "We are stopped from speaking the truth here." The attorneys denied any conspiracy, admitted that under stress and provocation they might have exceeded strict propriety. A ruling is expected in February.

INSURANCE: For 20 years the Intl. Workers Order, a progressive fraternal society with 160,000 members in 16 national group organizations, has sold insurance at rates often ten times lower than big companies. With assets of more than $6,000,000, IWO holds the fourth highest solvency rating in a field of 300 firms. But in 1947 Atty. Gen. Tom Clark put the IWO on his "subversive" list. Last week the State of New York, assisted by the Attorney General's office, was in court seeking "liquidation of the Order and dissolution of its corporate existence."

The IWO charged that Gov. Dewey ordered the proceeding for the

> . . . direct purpose of confiscating the savings and insurance of 160,000 IWO members and their families and turning them over to the insurance monopolies.

A court order froze IWO's assets pending outcome of the suit. Next court action was set for Jan. 8.

"CONTEMPT": The government had its own New Year cheer for William L. Patterson, exec. secy. of the Civil Rights Congress which actively defends the liberties of the most oppressed: it set Jan. 10 for his trial for "contempt of Congress." The charge grew out of Patterson's refusal to surrender CRC records to the House Lobbying Activities Committee, during a hearing before which he was threatened with physical violence and called a filthy name by Rep. Lanham (D-Ga.) who was not even reprimanded.

CHURCH: For 45 years Dr. John Howard Melish served as rector of Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn. In 1948 he was removed by Bishop DeWolfe of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, against the protests of the great majority of the church members. Reason: Dr. Melish refused to dismiss his son as assistant rector because of his associates with the Natl. Council of American-Soviet Friendship. A civil court upheld the Bishop. Last week the U.S. Supreme Court got the case, which Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, former Canon of Washington Cathedral, has called "one of the most important cases in recent years involving Church-State relations."

UNIVERSITY: In California the State Court of Appeal heard final arguments in the case of 18 University of California professors fired for refusing to sign a special loyalty oath. During an exchange with the lawyer representing the regents, one of the justices said:

> "The issue, then, is that they were naughty boys and girls because they did not obey the teacher and sign."

A decision was unlikely before opening of the second semester on Feb. 5.

RADIO: Latest to be plagued with loyalty oaths were the 2,500 employes of Columbia Broadcasting System. Both the Radio Writers Guild and its parent body, the Authors League, condemned the new requirement. The Civil Rights Congress urged protests to CBS.

SCHOOL: In Florida a committee of businessmen and veterans' leaders found that textbooks used in the schools are subversive because they are filled with the word "worker," tending to promote class consciousness. In Maine three school systems banned a textbook containing a chapter "friendly to Russia."

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LABOR

CIO gets 'Yes, sir' role in labor front

THE enthusiasm of the leaders of most U.S. maritime unions to join with shipping companies and the government in a sort of "labor front" has come home to roost. They agreed last August to a "voluntary" plan whereby seamen and longshoremen would be screened by the Coast Guard. The CIO Natl. Maritime Union and the CIO Maritime Committee were to be represented on an appeals board having final say. The Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union and the Natl. Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards were excluded.

But the Coast Guard decided it would have no appeals board that would outrank it—especially one with union men on it. President Truman signed a regulation Nov. 9 giving the Coast Guard absolute power over all personnel as well as docks, ships in port and facilities. The CIO men began to howl, but when it developed the new regulation provided for an appeals board, they were appeased.

DISCUSSION STILL FREE: Last week the final revised Coast Guard order appeared in the Federal Register. The provision giving the Coast Guard final say was still there; the appeals board can do no more than make recommendations.

The order, commented GUARDIAN's John B. Stone reporting from Washington, will gladden the heart of the worst red-baiter. It bars all persons in any way connected with any organization on the Attorney General's "subversive" list. It bars anyone from work of whom the Coast Guard may be at all suspicious. It gives labor fakers a new hold on the shape-up racket; it can presumably wreck the hiring hall.

Hoyt Haddock, Washington man for the CIO Maritime Committee, who in November said the CIO couldn't accept any program giving the Coast Guard final say on personnel, told the GUARDIAN:

> "I have nothing to say now. We maritime unions are going to discuss the entire situation."

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PORTABLE RADIOS: The recipient of a portable may be less than pleased if the gift radio turns out to need three or four times as great an expenditure for batteries as would another comparable set. Don't select a portable unless you expect it to be at least part of the time where house current is not available. Be sure that batteries are new when you buy the radio. Selection of Best Buys was based on estimated overall quality, price and battery cost. The following three sets are Best Buys for those who want a relatively low-cost set which is relatively economical of batteries: Wards Airline Cat. No. 62 A 1161M, $24.95 plus shipping charges; RCA Victor BX-55, $34.90; RCA Victor BX-57, $39.90. The Sears Silvertone Cat. No. 57 ET 226, $38.75 plus shipping charges, was a Best Buy for receiving weak or distant stations.

ELECTRIC SHAVERS: Tests showed that the Remington Contour de DeLuxe AG, $25.50, and the Sunbeam Shavemaster W, $24.50, gave the fastest and closest shaves though not quite as close as a safety razor. The Schick "20," $24.50, which was fair in speed and closeness of shave, produced the least skin irritation. Buy a shaver from a store that will exchange it or refund your money if it isn't satisfactory after a few days' use.

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: The best of the 18 models tested washed clothes just about as clean as the best of the non-automatics tested previously and none caused significant wear on the clothes. The Best Buy for those who can use a bolt-down model and have plenty of hot water was the Sears Kenmore 110 93521, $219.95 with "Suds-Saver," available only through Sears retail outlets. Some Acceptable models in order of estimated overall quality were the ABC 50, $279.95, Maytag AMP, $279.95, and Sears Kenmore 110 93540, $254.95 with "Suds-Saver," available only through Sears retail outlets.

(This article is a digest of articles appearing in Consumers Reports, monthly magazine published by Consumers Union, 38 1st St., N.Y. 3, N.Y. Ratings are based on unbiased laboratory tests.)

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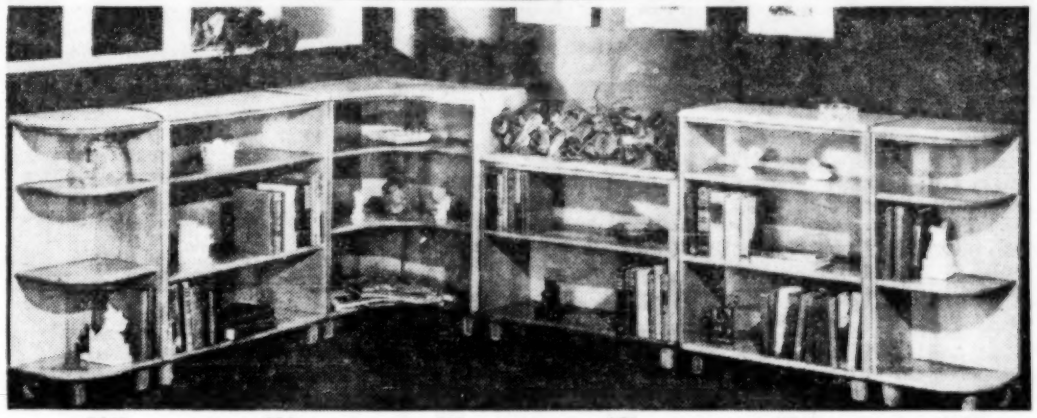

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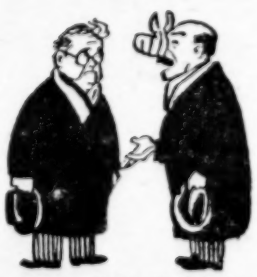

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BOOKS FOR PROGRESS

This is your FBI

By John T. McManus

THE U.S. police force now known as the FBI was created in 1908 by a U.S. Attorney General named Charles Joseph Bonaparte, a grandnephew of Napoleon I. It was set up over the objections of Congress, whose members at that time voiced fears of a "general system of spying upon and espionage of the people." In fact the closing session of the Sixtieth Congress passed a law early in 1908 forbidding the use of Treasury or other already existing secret-service agencies by the Justice Dept.

The law was designed to forestall police activities by the Dept. of Justice, but Bonaparte —with the backing of President Theodore Roosevelt—interpreted it instead as a go-ahead to form his own bureau.

Attempts of the out-maneuvered Congress to reverse this action met with two most discouraging rebuffs: (1) Roosevelt's charge that Congress opposed the police force in order to protect criminals in its own membership as well as their criminal friends; and (2) rifling of Congressmen's mail by agents of the new bureau.

DAMNING DOCUMENTS: The career of the FBI since then is now the subject of a 559-page book by Max Lowenthal, Minneapolis-born lawyer who has served all branches of government, from clerkship to top-drawer jobs, since 1912 under Republicans and Democrats.

If there is a shred of evidence that the Justice Dept. police force in all its years has ever served a single democratic purpose, the details certainly do not appear in these pages.

Instead, the work is a carefully documented damnation of the FBI from the time of its first, illegitimate breath to date; and, while the author carefully draws no conclusions of his own, the facts he presents compel the conclusion that the FBI has operated on trumped-up crises to influence Congress at appropriation time: has in time become an "untouchable" agency out of control even of the Justice Dept. itself; and that it has never caught a single important offender against national security or any other national interest.

NOT ONE SPY: Frame-ups? Plenty. Headline arrests and shooting sprees? Plenty also, but usually where local authorities had cornered the culprits only to be thrust aside by J. Edgar Hoover's intrepid agents. Spies? None; although credit is invariably taken by the FBI for sleuthing conduct-

ed by Boy Scouts, alert citizens and others, as in the case of the submarine-landed Nazi saboteurs during the last war.

Some of the book's anecdotes at the FBI's expense are priceless. At one appropriation hearing, a senator twitted J. Edgar Hoover with never having made an arrest in his life. So careful plans were made for J. Edgar personally to "capture" Public Enemy Alvin Karpis, who had been treed in New Orleans by Post Office inspectors.

Leading the raid on Karpis's hideout, Hoover confronted the cornered criminal and shouted:

"Put the cuffs on him boys!"

Whereupon J. Edgar and his G-Boys discovered that none of them possessed a pair of handcuffs. So they tied up Karpis with neckties.

OLD SMOKEY: Another time Hoover's agents staged one of their headline raids on a cornered bank robber in New York City. With tear gas and fusillades from tommy-guns, they finally started a fire which brought out the N.Y.C. fire department. In the hubbub, a city fireman suddenly found an FBI tommygun poking into him.

"If you don't take that gun out of my stomach," the fire-fighter growled to the eager-beaver G-man, "I'll bash your head in."

Unfortunately for the Lowenthal book, the $4.50 price will keep a lot of people from buying it, and few lending libraries will handle it despite its sometimes spicy reading. Book buyers who have read Albert Kahn's **High Treason** at $1 will recognize many of the episodes, and in at least one instance—the Sacco-Vanzetti case—the Lowenthal book slips up almost completely while the Kahn book contains the best report issued in recent years.

NEEDED GUTS: But as a start-to-finish documentation of an American Gestapo with all the fanfare (but minus the efficiency) the Lowenthal book is unique.

Its reporting of the Palmer Raids period is fascinating, especially since most of the details were brought to light by outraged Congressional investigators and by a committee of 12 famous lawyers (some of whom are alive, but not kicking, today). Lowenthal's book cannot by any stretch be considered an open invitation to current congressmen and lawyers to do likewise. But it certainly provides the examples and the facts to act on, if the 1950's can ever muster up the guts of the 1920's to defend our traditional liberties.

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, by Max Lowenthal. William Sloane Associates, N.Y., 559 pp. $4.50.

Victims of un-Americanism

Send greetings of hope to these prisoners

AS the fifth full year of the global and domestic cold war ended, U.S. progressives thought especially of those of its victims who greeted 1951 through prison bars. Scores of GUARDIAN columns in 1950 have been given to reports of two kinds of "legal" un-Americanism: Americans punished in effect for their politics, Americans punished in effect for being Negroes. Some of these will gain freedom as their terms end in 1951; whether the New Year holds any happiness for the others depends on how much fellow-citizens of goodwill do to get justice done. (The GUARDIAN asks readers to send messages of cheer and hope, and if possible funds for their relief to: Vito Marcantonio, chairman, Prisoners Relief Committee, 23 W. 26th St., N.Y.C.)

These are the prisoners:

THE TRENTON SIX

Ralph Cooper, Collis English, McKinley Forrest, John McKenzie, James Thorpe Jr., Horace Wilson. Mercer County Jail, Trenton, N. J. (third year in jail). Death sentences on an unproven murder charge were reversed by the State Supreme Court; new trial set for Feb. 5.

THE MARTINSVILLE SEVEN

Joe Henry Hampton, Frank Hairston Jr., Booker T. Millner, Howard L. Hairston, Francis de Sales Grayson, John C. Taylor, James Luther Hairston. Jailed in Richmond, Va. (mail address, 500 Spring St.) Twice saved from the death chamber, now awaiting Supreme Court decision on appeal for review.

WILLIE McGEE

Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Miss. Once saved from death, he also awaits a Supreme Court decision on reviewing his case.

BENNIE and RAY DANIELS

County Jailhouse, Asheville, N. C. Teen-age sharecropper cousins, jailed on murder charge since Feb., 1949; awaiting federal court decision on a writ for a new hearing.

EDWARD HONEYCUTT

Opalousas Jail, Opalousas, La. Under death sentence on a charge of rape; efforts for Supreme Court action are being made.

JERRY NEWSON

State Prison, San Quentin, Calif. A 19-yr.-old shoe-shine boy under death sentence for two murders he could not have committed; signatures being collected on petitions for a new trial.

PAUL WASHINGTON

Gretna County Jail, Gretna, La. Under death sentence on rape charge, awaiting Supreme Court decision on a writ of habeas corpus.

MRS. ROSA INGRAM

Reidsville Prison, Reidsville, Ga. Her two sons, Sammy and Wallace, are in another Georgia jail. Sentenced to death on a charge of murdering a white sharecrooper in Feb., 1948, all have been in jail since. Action still pending on a petition to UN Human Rights Commission.

WESLEY ROBERT WELLS

State Prison, San Quentin, Calif. Sentenced to death for striking a guard after years of prison persecution. Case on appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. He was recently given solitary confinement for protesting grievances.

LT. LEON A. GILBERT JR.

Present whereabouts unknown; probably in an Army stockade in Japan (wife's address: Mrs. Kay Gilbert, RFD, York, Pa.). Suffering battle fatigue in Korea, he was first sentenced to death, later to 20 years' imprisonment for "misbehaving before the enemy." Legal steps taken to reopen the case.

Political prisoners

SEVEN persons are still being held without bail in deportation proceedings under the McCarran Law. They are:

DAVID HYUN, HARRY CARLISLE, FRANK CARLSON, MIRIAM STEVENSON, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif. **ERNEST MANGAOANG,** King County Jail, Seattle, Wash. **KNUT HEIKKINEN,** St. Louis County Jail, Duluth, Minn. **JOHN ZYDOK,** Wayne County Jail, Detroit, Mich.

Eight of the Hollywood Ten are still in prison:

ADRIAN SCOTT, DALTON TRUMBO, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, Ashland Prison, Ashland, Ky. **RING LARDNER, LESTER COLE,** Federal Prison, Danbury, Conn. **ALVAH BESSIE,** Federal Prison, Texarkana, Tex. **ALBERT MALTZ,** Federal Prison Camp, New Point, W. Va. **SAMUEL ORNITZ,** Springfield Federal Penitentiary, Springfield, Ill. All are serving one-year sentences for refusing to answer questions put by the Un-American Activities Committee.

CARL MARZANI, Federal Prison, Lewisburg, Pa. Serving a three-year sentence for an alleged misstatement while in government employ.

EUGENE DENNIS, Federal Detention House, New York City. The Communist Party's Gen. Secy. is serving a one-year sentence for "contempt" of the Un-American Activities Committee.

HELEN BRYAN, ERNESTINA FLEISCHMAN, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va. Serving three-month sentences for refusing to turn over to the Un-A. A.C. records of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

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